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know all the details about this department or that department, but one would think that if anybody is going to know how a shoe fits it's the guy whose wearing it. This is the legislative shoe, so to speak. If we don't know what secretaries we need, how many postage stamps, how many telephones, this kind of thing, if we don't know when we have to handle these things then how can we expect Big Jim over there to have all this magic information when he knows it so much better. As I say, he obviously designed the message to antagonize, belittle, whatever else he thought he was accomplishing. I would suggest that there are some things that Big Jim might be interested in that we're going to spend some of this money on. During the interim we do exist. got some things that need to be looked into. For example, we're going to maybe try to find out why, when the Governor received information on April 8th from the Attorney General that because of blunders made by administrative agencies, the state may be on the hook for five or ten million dollars for state employees they honked out of money on overtime. We may try to find out how this all happened; and what administrative agencies were involved, and what members of the Governors staff. These are some of things that we need our money to look into. The message, and I refuse to call it a veto message because it's clearly his official announcement disguised as a veto message, his message is repugnant, it's disgusting and it's offensive. Had he even used a little subtleness, had he even been slightly clever it would have been more acceptable and forgivable. But it was, and I disagree with Senator Chambers very frequently in his attacks in here. Unfortunately Senator Chambers had him characterized right down to the tee on this one. I would suggest that possibly Big Jim has really begun to believe what some people have been saying, that is that he is God, he's not!

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well I had dropped my light, Mr. Chairman, in as much as I'd gotten kind of removed for it. I had a question of Senator Chambers. I listened rather intently to what he had to say. I just thought I would ask him, other than that, how do you like the Governor?

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, for one I do not wish to dignify the Governors position any further. I call for the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? The question is, shall debate cease. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays.

PRESIDENT: You're closing?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes.